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Senator McCarthy speaking:

Now to the cases. Let's first take the case of a man called Gustavo Duran. Gustavo Duran was one of the State Department's experts, now a United Nations expert. When he was named, we gave the committee the complete evidence on Duran. Among other things we gave the committee the complete Army Intelligence file. You understand that Army Intelligence file wasn't prepared by McCarthy. It wasn't prepared by the MacMahon-Tydings Committee. It was prepared over a number of years and at a cost of thousands of dollars, and tens of thousands of man hours – this file on Duran. Well among other things that file showed that this State Department expert, while in Europe, was head of the S.I.M., that's the secret police – a branch of or counterpart of the G.P.U., the Russian secret police. Well we gave that to the committee.

They held the usual press conference with the State Department. And of course the State Department couldn't deny, they couldn't deny that Army Intelligence was accurate. They couldn't deny the man described in Army Intelligence was a bad actor. They couldn't claim that the man who was head of the secret police should be in our State Department handling top secret materials. So they came up with an unusual story, and it looked as though they might get away with it for awhile. Incidentally, can you hear me back there alright? Good. They came up with an unusual story. They said sure this man Gustavo Duran, who was head of the secret police, was a bad actor. They said no question about that. But they said here's an example of McCarthyism at its worst. They said just because we have a man in our State

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Department who has the same name as the man who was head of the secret police -- they said he's trying to smear our poor innocent expert. In fact, Duran's lawyers, his lawyers wrote me a letter saying we're going to sue you because you've smeared this man -- you can't prove he's the same man who was head of the secret police. But, as I say, it looked as though they might get away with that for awhile.

But at great expense, with considerable difficulty, we sent a man to Europe, one of our investigators -- he dug up this picture which I hold in my hand. This is a picture of the State Department's Gustavo Duran in the uniform of the secret police. We sent this over to the president. We attached to it a copy of Duran's picture from his State Department file. We sent a copy to the Great Red Dean of Fashion himself, Dean Gooderham Acheson. We sent a copy to Mr. Tydings and Mr. MacMahon. And said now gentlemen you can see that it isn't a case of mistaken identity. We said do you still claim that we're smearing one of your poor innocent experts? Well, what happened? Nothing but silence greeted that.

Where do you think this man is tonight? This man, whose picture I hold in my hand, in the uniform of the secret police as of tonight -- his task, and he was put there upon the recommendation of Dean Gooderham Acheson, his task is in the United Nations to screen displaced persons and decide which will make good loyal Americans. [Audience groans] I just wonder, I wonder how many other members of the secret police are in this nation because they were screened through by Gustavo Duran.

But that is one of the poor innocent people -- according to Mr. Tydings and Mr. MacMahon -- that McCarthy smears. Well when we handed all this evidence over the committee, we asked the committee to do what I think any normal American would ask them to do -- what any loyal Democrat or Republican would ask that committee to do. We said, gentlemen, we said Mr. Tydings, Mr. MacMahon, call this man Duran before the committee. Put him under oath, and make him testify about his activities in the secret police. We said, make him tell how he got into the United States and then, above all, make him tell how got into the State Department handling top secret material. We said call Dean Acheson and say to him Dean, Dean why do you think of all people this man should be screening displaced persons? Ask the Great Red Dean whether he couldn't find some normal, loyal American to do that job. The committee said no. It said no we won't do that because they said Mr. Duran had already been cleared by



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Acheson's own loyalty board. [Audience groans] And they said we're not going to engage in this nasty un-American practice of McCarthyism, of smearing these poor innocent experts.